



BIOGRAPHY



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MARK J. CONVERSINO

Dr. Mark J. Conversino is Professor of Strategy and Security Studies at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS), Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Alabama. SAASS is a selective one-year graduate school for strategists with 16 terminally credentialed faculty and 45 Air Force, Department of Defense, and international students. As Professor, he is responsible for creating warrior-scholars who have a superior ability to develop, evaluate, and employ airpower as a component of military force in support of national objectives.

EDUCATION

1981 Bachelor of Arts, History, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond
1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
1988 Master of Arts, History, Indiana University, Bloomington
1992 Doctor of Philosophy, History, Indiana University, Bloomington
1995 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
2000 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Excellent Graduate)

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. 2002 – 2006 Associate Professor and Course Director, Department of Warfighting, Air War College (AWC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2. 2006 – 2008 Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Programs, AWC, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
3. 2008 – 2015 Professor and Dean, AWC, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (promoted to Professor, March 2009)
4. 2015 – Present Professor of Strategy and Security Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

SUMMARY OF MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS

Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Chanute AFB, Ill.
Maintenance Supervisor (multiple units), K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.
Graduate Student, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.
Instructor/Assistant Professor of History/Advisor-in-Charge, Department of History, USAF Academy, Colo.
Director of Maintenance, Riyadh AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Squadron Maintenance Officer, 43d Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Professor of Airpower Theory and Employment, SAASS (Reflects duty title, not earned academic rank), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Commander, 93d Maintenance Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
Joint Logistics Plans Officer, Headquarters, DLA, Ft Belvoir, Va.
Military Deputy, Director's Staff Group, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Ft Belvoir, Va.



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Military

Joint Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal w/ 3 OLC
Air Force Commendation Medal

Civilian

Air Force Award for Meritorious Civilian Service, AWC
Faculty Leadership Award (2004, 2006), AWC
Faculty Award for Outstanding Service, AWC
General Muir S. Fairchild Educational Achievement Award, AU
Outstanding Military Educator in History, USAF Academy

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Fighting With the Soviets: The Failure of Operation FRANTIC, 1944-1945, Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1997. (Ukrainian edition, *Spil'na Vijna: Proval Operatsiyi "Frentik", 1944-1945*. [Trans. Sergey Kokizyuk]. Kyiv, Ukraine: Vydavntstvo KIC., 2015.)

Book Chapters

"Asymmetric Air War: Ethical Implications," with Martin L. Cook, in *Issues in Military Ethics, To Support and Defend the Constitution*, ed. Martin L. Cook. Albany: SUNY Press, 2013; also published previously in *The Moral Dimension of Asymmetrical Warfare: Counter-terrorism, Democratic Values and Military Ethics*, ed. By Th. A. van Baarda and D.E.M. Verweij. Leiden, NL, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2009.

"Should Deterrence Fail: Strategic Attack Theory and Planning in the Nuclear Era," in William C. Head and David A. Mets, eds., *Plotting A True Course: Reflections on USAF Strategic Attack Theory and Doctrine—The Post World War II Experience*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003.

"Executing DELIBERATE FORCE, 30 August-14 September 1995" in Robert C. Owen, ed., *Deliberate Force: A Case Study in Effective Air Campaigning*. Maxwell AFB, AL: Air University Press, 1999.

"The Changed Nature of Strategic Air Attack," in *Landpower in the 21st Century: Preparing for Conflict*. Carlisle Barracks, PA: US Army War College, 1998.

Journal Articles/Entries in Edited Works

"Mikhail Frunze," "Sergei Gorshkov," and "Curtis LeMay," entries in Daniel Coetzee and Lee W. Eysstrulid, eds., *Philosophers of War: The Evolution of History's Greatest Military Thinkers*. 2 Vols. Westport, CT: Praeger Press, 2013.

"Operation DESERT FOX: Effectiveness With Unintended Effects," *Air and Space Power Journal Chronicles Online*, Summer, 2005.

"Operation FRANTIC," in David T. Zabecki, ed., *World War II in Europe*. New York: Routledge Publishers, 1999.

"The Changed Nature of Strategic Attack," *Parameters*, Winter 1997-98.

"Back to the Stone Age: The Attack on Curtis LeMay," *Strategic Review*, Spring 1997.

"Sawdust Superpower: Perceptions of US Casualty Tolerance in the Post-Gulf War Era," *Strategic Review*, Winter 1997.

"Operation FRANTIC," *Airpower History*, Spring 1991.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Board of Directors, Alabama World Affairs Council

Contributing Editor, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*

Visiting Senior Mentor, Baltic Defence [sic] College, Tartu, Estonia

Member, Society for Military History

Past Member, Academic Advisory Board, Baltic Defence [sic] College, Tartu, Estonia

Submission Referee for *Air and Space Power Journal*, *Joint Force Quarterly*, *Naval War College Review*, *Journal of Military History* and *The Journal of Military Ethics*.

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